

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Public Agency	Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District (EVMWD)
Project Name	Highway 74/Ethanac Sewer Extension Project (Project)
Project Description	EVMWD is proposing to construct a sewer pipeline to extend wastewater service to the Meadowbrook community, which currently treats wastewater using individual septic sewer systems. The Project consists of approximately 12,500 feet of a 16-inch diameter gravity trunk sewer pipeline within Highway 74, between Wasson Canyon Road and Ethanac Road, and within Wasson Canyon Road, between Highway 74 and Mauricio Avenue in unincorporated Riverside County. The Project would connect to an existing 15-inch diameter gravity trunk sewer at the intersection of Wasson Canyon Road and Mauricio Avenue. Termination of the proposed pipeline would occur near the intersection of Highway 74 and Ethanac Road with a terminal manhole and a 5-foot-long sewer pipeline extension ending with a 15-inch concrete plug.
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets.	The Project is proposed within the Meadowbrook community in unincorporated Riverside County, California. The Project site consists of the rights-of-way of Highway 74, between Wasson Canyon Road and Ethanac Road, and Wasson Canyon Road, between Highway 74 and Mauricio Avenue, as well as two unspecified staging areas adjacent to these roads. Refer to Figure 1, <i>Project Location</i> , attached to this document.

This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the Project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.

☐	The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5
☒	The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5
☐	The proposed Project IS considered a project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance.
☒	The proposed Project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional, or areawide significance.
☐	The proposed Project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
☒	The proposed Project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.
☐	A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.
☒	A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency
If the Project meets the criteria requiring the scoping meeting, or if the agency voluntarily elects to hold such a meeting, the date, time, and location of the scoping meeting are as follows:	
Date:	Time: Location:
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at 31315 Chaney Street, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530.	
The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration can be obtained in electronic format at: https://evmwd.com/ceqa-information/ .	
Comments will be received from November 20, 2023, through December 19, 2023. Comments may be submitted electronically to Joseph McGhee, PE at jmcghee@evmwd.net or mailed to P.O. Box 884, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531.	
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing to the Lead Agency prior to December 20, 2023. Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.	

The Lead Agency will consider the Project and the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at a future public meeting. Information regarding the public meeting will be posted at: <https://evmwd.com/ceqa-information/>.

If the Lead Agency finds that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the Project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received
for Filing: _____

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Interim Director of Engineering and Water Resources
Title

Attachment: Figure 1, Project Location

